

Alpha

Czar Putin?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. Which of these is NOT a current issue on which the United States needs Russian cooperation?

- a the civil war in Syria
- b Iran's efforts to develop nuclear weapons
- c fighting Islamic terrorism
- d violent street protests in Estonia

2. Before the Russian Revolution, Russia was ruled by

- a powerful czars.
- b Communist dictators.
- c a democratically elected president.
- d none of the above

3. Vladimir Putin first became president of Russia eight years after

- a the Russian Revolution took place.
- b the Soviet Union collapsed.
- c the Cold War began.
- d he resigned as prime minister.

4. Last March, Russia made headlines worldwide when it annexed

- a Estonia.
- b Latvia.
- c Crimea.
- d Lithuania.

5. The U.S. and Europe have dealt with Russia's aggression by

- a calling on the United Nations to mediate.
- b imposing sanctions.
- c declaring war.
- d helping to consolidate power in Russia's government.

6. What is causing Russia's economy to sag, according to the article?

- a low oil prices
- b high oil prices
- c government spending on nuclear weapons
- d none of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

7. From the article, infer how Putin has managed to stay in control of Russia for so long.

8. If you were President Obama, how would you deal with the tensions between the U.S. and Russia? Why?

BRAVO STATION –

Russian Female Rock Band Jailed (NEWSPAPER ARTICLES)

1. What did the female rock band, Pussy Riot, do?
2. Name at least 3 individuals who support the band.
3. Why does much of the Russian public NOT sympathize or support the band?
4. What do you think was the intent of Pussy Riot's actions?
5. How did the band react to their verdict? What did supporters of the band say about the verdict?
6. In your view, does the punishment fit the "crime"?
7. How is this case an example of a bigger issue over personal liberties in Russia? Explain.

Russian U.S. Adoption Ban

1. What are the effects of the new Russian law?
2. Why do you think the ban was signed into law by Russia?
3. Who is caught in the middle, because of this new law?
4. Describe your thought of this Russian adoption ban.
5. How do you think the present situation should be handled?

CHARLIE – The Aral Sea

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GqZQyrPoqY>

Causes (2)	Effects (3)

Sensory Experience (2 or more per sense)...What would you...

-See?

-Taste?

-Smell?

-Hear?

-Feel?

DELTA STATION - Russian and Northern Eurasia – Physical Features (TEXTBOOK)

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1. Which Russian metropolitan areas have more than 2 million inhabitants?
2. Compare this map with the climate map (page 374). Which climate types do the most densely populated areas in the region have?

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3. Compare this map with the climate map (page 374). What is the main economic activity in the areas with tundra and arid climates?
4. How have Russians adapted Siberian rivers to produce energy?

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5. What does *Eurasia* mean in geographic terms?
6. What physical geography factors shaped the region's main landform type?
7. Name 3 mountain regions found in this region.
8. What is one fact about the Ural Mountains?